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STATE FOR EEB/TPP/ABT - AMY WINTON, EEB/TPP - MIKAEL LURIE,
EEB/IFD/ODF - MARGO SIEMER, AND EAP/ANP

E.O. 12958: N/A

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SUBJECT: FOOD EXPORT RESTRICTIONS

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¶1. (U) The GOA has taken no steps to restrict agricultural exports from Australia, nor does post expect any such moves in Australia, which exports on average two-thirds of its agricultural production.

¶2. (SBU) Bruce Bowan, Acting Director for International Affairs at the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries told post that the GOA has taken no action with regard to export restrictions in third countries. When asked about Japan releasing its imported rice stocks, he said the GOA had not intervened to encourage such a release.

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